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Gladiolus

Begonias

Dahlias

SPRING 1951

BULB FARMS
Specialists in Fine Bulbs
ELMA, WASHINGTON



McLean QUALITY GLADIOLUS

Yes—McLean's offer top size exhibition Gladiolus bulbs for good gardeners who demand the finest. These big bulbs—at least $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches across—are almost bursting with energy. Give your McLean exhibition bulbs a little tender, loving care and you can grow beautiful flower spikes that will make an impressive showing in the toughest competition.

We offer the finest exhibition bulbs available but McLean Quality does not stop with the top size bulbs. If you are looking for outstanding gladiolus for cut flowers we highly recommend the large (1½ to 1½" across) and medium size bulbs (3/4 to 1½" across).

Gladiolus may be planted any time from early spring to June; planting at intervals will prolong the blooming season. Any good garden soil is satisfactory but must be well drained. Plant 5 to 6 inches deep.

COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS WITH EACH ORDER

CUT FLOWER COLLECTION 100 Bulbs—10 Named Varieties of Our Choice

Contains a complete color range of proven, outstanding Gladiolus varieties, all top-notchers. Each variety properly labeled.

10 Bulbs Each of 10 Varieties

100 Top Size Bulbs.....\$7.00

100 Large Size Bulbs......\$6.00

100 Medium Size Bulbs......\$5.00

Postpaid

Cream and White

- **CASABLANCA.** An outstanding new ruffled white. Tall, straight spikes carrying average size florets. Mid-season blooms. Top Size......20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50
- CORONA. Dainty pink picotee on large creamy white ruffled florets. Very distinctive and beautiful. Mid-season. Top Size.........20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50
- **LEADING LADY.** Wonderful exhibition cream white sport of Picardy. Top prize winner 1949. In heavy demand. Midseason.
 - Top Size.................20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50
- ORIENTAL PEARL. Huge, clear cream; probably the largest, tallest and strongest in this color. Mid-season blooms.

- WHITE GOLD. Immense blooms in clear creamy white, shading to a golden yellow throat. Good straight stems. Early. Top Size...........20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50

Yellow and Buff

- ATHLONE. Buds are pinkish and open to a salmon flesh color. One of the best new buff varieties. Large florets, early. Top Size 25c each; 3 for 70c; 12 for \$2.50
- CRINKLECREAM. Clear, light yellow; large and beautifully ruffled. Tall, strong grower. Mid-season blooms. Top Size.....20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50
- **OREGON GOLD.** Massive plant produces five-foot spike. Color medium yellow blending to deeper yellow at throat. Late blooms.
- SPOTLIGHT. New large deep yellow with red throat blotch. Blooms are beautifully spaced on tall straight spikes. Early. Top Size.................20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50
- **SUNSPOT.** Ruffled light apricot buff with rose spot in the throat. One of the greatest exhibition varieties. Early. Top Size.............50c each; 3 for \$1.35; 12 for \$5.00

Orange

- **DAISY MAE.** Extremely strong glowing orange pink with a rose red throat blend. Large, well placed blooms. Mid-season. Top Size......25c each; 3 for 70c; 12 for \$2.50
- LANTANA. Lovely shade of orange with a gold throat. Produces good straight spikes of medium height. Quite early. Top Size......15c each; 3 for 35c; 12 for \$1.20
- TUT'S BOTH. You will marvel at the color quality in this beautiful pastel orange gladiolus. Large florets, mid-season. Medium Size only.....20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50

PRICES QUOTED ARE POSTPAID

Six Bulbs of a Variety May Be Ordered at the Dozen Rate

OUTSTANDING

Salmon

| DIEPPE. Dark salmon | red with darker blotch. The large blooms |
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| are slightly ruffled. | Good straight spikes; mid-season. |
| Top Size | 20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50 |

- JEANIE. Rich salmon pink without flecking, white midribs and light cream throat. Excellent placement. Mid-season blooms. Top Size............15c each; 3 for 35c; 12 for \$1.20
- MARGUERITE. Watermelon pink with broad yellow throat. Huge florets and flower head. Sturdy stems; mid-season. Top Size...........15c each; 3 for 35c; 12 for \$1.20

- SPIC & SPAN. New exhibition deep salmon pink. Heavily ruffled blooms on tall sturdy spikes. Prize-winner. Early. Top Size......50c each; 3 for \$1.35; 12 for \$5.00
- **SPITFIRE.** Rosy toned salmon with cherry lines on a white throat. Strong plant produces tall, straight spikes; early. Medium Size Only......25c each; 3 for 70c; 12 for \$2.50

Pink

- COVER GIRL. Large medium pink opening 10 to 12 well placed florets on a 5½-foot spike. Fine for exhibition. Mid-season. Top Size......20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50

- **SUMMER GAL.** Lightly ruffled geranium pink with a rose feather in the throat. Heavy winner at the shows. Early mid-season. Top Size...........50c each; 3 for \$1.35; 12 for \$5.00

Scarlet

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GLADIOLUS

SMALL GARDEN SPECIAL

One each of 10 of the finest and most outstanding Gladiolus for your home garden. Each variety properly labeled. Top size bulbs.

\$1.25 Postpaid

Red

- **FIREBRAND.** Medium red of glistening shade, slightly darker in the throat with white lines on lower petals. Mid-season. Top Size......20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50
- **GRACIE ALLEN.** Beautiful large florets of clear light red. One of the finest exhibition varieties. Mid-season blooms. Medium Size only.....25c each; 3 for 70c; 12 for \$2.50

- **RED RASCAL.** Huge ruffled florets on a tall strong spike. Red with white line on lower petals. Mid-season. Large Size only......40c each; 3 for \$1.10; 12 for \$4.00

Black-Red

- PRUSSIA'S GLORY. Here is the blackest black red Gladiolus we have seen. Produces good spikes from small bulbs. Mid-season. Medium Size only.....20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50

NOVELTY GLADIOLUS COLLECTION

10 "PRIZE WINNERS" for a Show Spot in Your Garden

ABU HASSAN. Violet-blue.

ATHLONE. Fine new buff.

BURMA. Famous deep rose.

DAISY MAE. Glowing orange.

HUNTRESS. Lovely lavender.

ORIENTAL PEARL. Giant cream.

PINK CHARM. New deep pink.

RED CHARM. Show favorite red.

SPIC & SPAN. Salmon sensation.

SPOTLIGHT. Popular yellow.

Top Size Bulbs - Postpaid

1 of each, value \$2.40......PRICE \$2.00

3 of each, value \$5.80......PRICE \$5.00

Rose Shades

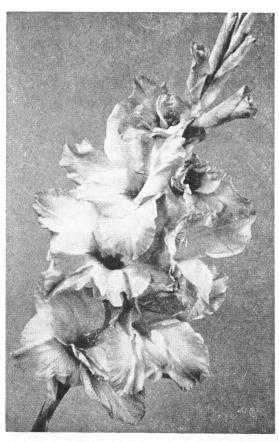
| BUENA VISTA. Immense rose-red attaining a height of five feet. Vigorous green plant and foliage. Mid-season blooms. Top Size |
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| BURMA. Heavily ruffled deep rose shading to a lighter throat. A striking show Gladiolus. Large mid-season blooms. Top Size |
| CHAMOUNY. A distinct shade of cerise-rose with a silver line on the edge. Many florets on a tall spike. Mid-season. Top Size |
| MISS WISCONSIN. Beautiful new lavender rose. Produces large 5-inch blooms on a spike of medium height. Mid-season. Top Size20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50 |
| TIVOLI. Light rose pink with good growing habits and a fine color. Large flowers on tall spikes. Mid-season blooms. Top Size 25c each: 3 for 70c: 12 for \$2.50 |

| 10p Size |
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| Lavender and Blue |
| ABU HASSAN. One of the finest dark violet blues yet introduced. Just a few light pencilings in the throat. Mid-season Top Size |
| BLUE BEAUTY. Medium light blue with edges of petals overlaid violet blue. Very large, wide open florets. Early. Top Size |
| ELIZABETH THE QUEEN. Beautiful clear lavender mauve with darker throat. Large ruffled mid-season blooms. Top Size |
| HUNTRESS. New large pinkish lavender. Produces straight spikes, excellent for fine, early cut flowers. |

Top Size..... 20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50

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Six Bulbs of a Variety May Be Ordered at the Dozen Rate



ELIZABETH THE QUEEN

Planting Stock Special GLADIOLUS — only 2c each

Labor shortages are forcing us to reduce our Gladiolus plantings. Here is your chance to get a lot of flowers for a little outlay of hard cash. These small size bulbs are the kind we plant to produce McLEAN'S top size exhibition bulbs. Plant them early—give them a little fertilizer and lots of water. You will be rewarded with almost 100% blooms the first year. Small size bulbs are $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inches across. Available in mixture only. Some of our finest varieties are being sacrificed in this big bargain collection.

50 for \$1.00

100 for \$2.00

Postpaid

Purple

MRS. MARK'S MEMORY. Fine tall spike with large reddish violet florets. Small dark carmine blotch on lower petals. Midseason.

Smokies

HIGH FINANCE. Smoky light orange-gray with cream throat. Ruffled blooms on tall husky plants. Late. Top Size................. 20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50

JACK POT. Big ruffled plum colored blooms. An unusual shade that most people call smoky. Tall sturdy spikes. Early. Medium Size only......25c each; 3 for 70c; 12 for \$2.50

TUNIA'S MAHOMET. Huge smoky of deep plum rose; orange-scarlet blotches. Blooms quite early.

Medium Size only......20c each; 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50

SPECIAL SELECT MIXED GLADIOLUS

This is not the common dime store mix but is a hand-selected assortment of the finest varieties for summer cut flowers. Contains no old discarded sorts. Many of the best new introductions are included in this quality assortment. We highly recommend this fine selection of outstanding Gladiolus.

Large Size Bulbs 12 for \$.85; 100 for \$6.00

Medium Size Bulbs......12 for \$.70; 100 for \$5.00

PRICED QUOTED ARE POSTPAID

25 Bulbs Maye Be Ordered at the 100 Rate



Save!

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QUANTITY PRICES FOR THE HOME GARDENER

Quantity quotations on these two pages are subject to prior sale and F.O.B. Elma, Washington. Shipments are made by Railway Express; transportation charges will be collected on delivery. Express shipments are insured against freezing, damage or loss in transit. Twenty-five or more bulbs at the 100 rate.

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Large— $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " across; Medium— $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ " across

| | Price per 100 Large Medium | |
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| ALGONQUIN. Scarlet | _ | \$4.00 |
| ATHLONE. Buff | 7.00 | 6.00 |
| BLACK OPAL. Red | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| BLUE BEAUTY. Blue | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| BURMA. Deep rose | 6.00 | 5.00 |
| CASABLANCA. White | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| DIEPPE. Salmon red | 7.00 | 6.00 |
| ELIZ. THE QUEEN. Lavender | 6.00 | 5.00 |
| FIREBRAND. Red | 6.00 | 5.00 |
| KING CLICK. Red | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| LANTANA. Orange | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| LEADING LADY. Cream | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| MARGUERITE. Salmon | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| MISS WISCONSIN. Rose | 7.00 | 6.00 |
| MARK'S MEMORY. Purple | 5.00 | 4.00 |
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| | | per 100 |
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| | Large | Medium |
| OREGON GOLD. Yellow | \$6.00 | \$5.00 |
| ORIENTAL PEARL. Cream | 6.00 | 5.00 |
| PICARDY. Salmon | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| RED CHARM. Bright red | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| ROSA VAN LIMA. Pink | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| SILVER WINGS. White | 6.00 | 5.00 |
| SNOW PRINCESS. White | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| SPOTLIGHT. Yellow | 6.00 | 5.00 |
| VALERIA. Scarlet | 5.00 | 4.00 |
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TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

Camellia Type

Top Size Tubers—2" across \$28.00 per 100 Large Size— $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2" across 24.00 per 100

Available in the following colors or mixed:

WHITE ROSE ORANGE
RED PINK SALMON
SCARLET YELLOW

Minimum Order 25 of Variety and Size





CAMELLIA TYPE TUBEROUS BEGONIA

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS AMONG THE SHOWLEST OF FLOWERS

McLean's extra large exhibition Begonia tubers are back again. Our top size bulbs are at least two inches across. These big plump tubers are full of vigor—ready to give the exhibition plants you demand.

Any light soil with a lot of humus will grow good Begonias. A shady spot should be selected outdoors, such as under trees or the north side of a building where the direct sunlight cannot reach them.

COMPLETE PLANTING GUIDE WITH EACH ORDER

Double Camellia Type

The most popular type with flowers 5 to 8 inches across, resembling camellias and roses in all forms and variations of color. Available in the following colors or McLean's Superb Mixture:

WHITE ORANGE ROSE

RED SALMON PINK

SCARLET YELLOW

Top Size: 40c each; 3 for \$1.10; 12 for \$4.00

Six of One Color or McLean's Mix at the Dozen Rate

Carnation Type

This type produces a large double, resembling a carnation in form. The petals are frilled and have serrated edges. Same color selection as Camellia type.

Top Size: 40c each; 3 for \$1.10; 12 for \$4.00

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Crispa - Single Frilled

Produces large, profusely frilled and ruffled flowers of the single type. Same color selection as Camellia type.

Top Size: 40c each; 3 for \$1.10; 12 for \$4.00

Picotee Type

These are a type of Double Camellia that differs only in that the flowers are two-toned, with darker color at the edge. Flowers are large as the Camellia type; splendid for corsages. Does not produce a big tuber; large bulbs are $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches across. Available in mixture of pastel shades only.

Large Size only: 40c each; 3 for \$1.10; 12 for \$4.00

Marmorata Type

A very beautiful type of Camellia Begonias. While the flowers are not quite as large as the Camellia type, the plants are very floriferous, being literally covered with blooms. The flowers are produced on strong stems that hold the flowers upright. The mottled effect of white and deep rose is most attractive and novel. The foliage is clear bright green. We urge you to include a few in your order.

Top Size: 40c each; 3 for \$1.10; 12 for \$4.00

Hanging Basket Type

An unsurpassed strain producing DOUBLE FLOWERS ONLY. Each bulb produces great masses of tiny Camellia type flowers. Excellent for porches, etc. Mixed colors only.

Top Size: 40c each; 3 for \$1.10; 12 for \$4.00

All Types Mixed

Our hand-selected assortment including several types in a complete color range.

Top Size: SPECIAL PRICE-3 for \$1.00; 12 for \$3.75



CARNATION TYPE TUBEROUS BEGONIA



DAHLIAS

WASHINGTON GROWN

Exhibition Decorative Type

- **AZURA.** Rosy lilac with a bluish violet sheen. Huge 10-inch blooms on strong stems. Tall plants. **75c each**
- **BLUE MOON.** Unusual color of lavender shading to lilac-purple at the base, giving a bluish effect. \$2.00 each
- **CHAS. L. MASTICK.** Rich golden orange, sometimes showing a pinkish cast. Fine formation; strong stems. **75c each**
- **CLARA CARDER.** Soft Cyclamen pink, a true pastel tone. This Dahlia just naturally grows large. **75c each**
- **D'ARCY SAINSBURY.** One of the finest whites. Produces blooms that are nearly perfect. Sturdy bushes. **75c each**
- **EL RUBIO.** Huge blooms of rich ruby red. Flowers hold up well when cut. Plants are robust growers. \$2.00 each
- FOREST FIRE. Flashy yellow, heavily tipped scarlet. Large size flowers with fine keeping qualities. 50c each
- INDIAN GIANT. Large blooms of tan or apricot. Has all the good qualities of an exhibition variety. \$2.00 each
- JANE COWL. Beautiful combination of buff and gold blending to apricot and old rose at the center. 50c each
- MAHARADJA. Huge flowers of glossy, deep chestnut red. Tall growing; strong, stiff stems. \$3.00 each
- MAYOR FRANK OTIS. Probably the largest Dahlia ever grown—sometimes over 17 inches across. Rich yellow. \$1.50 each
- MRS. GEORGE LeBOUTILLIER. A beautiful bright carmine-red. Huge blooms. 50c each
- SALBACH'S WHITE. A pure white of fine form on strong stems.

 One of the best whites for cutting.

 50c each

Cactus Type

BEAUTE. Clear light yellow cactus type blooms. Many blooms produced at a time. Tall, stiff stems.

DOMINANT. Excellent rose pink, suffused lilac, changing to yellow at the center. Very artistic flower. \$1.00 each

JERSEY'S DAINTY. Fine clear white of good form. Medium size flowers with good stems. 75c each

MRS. MINNIE RING. Exquisite shade of pink shading to a soft cream at the center. Long stiff stems. \$2.00 each

Miniature Type Dahlias

Blooms are 3 to 4 inches across. Wonderful for cut flowers.

BABY BLUE RIVER. Bluish mauve, tall. 50c each

BABY FONTENEAU. Pure light rose, cactus type. \$1.50 each

CORONNE. Waxy white, resembling a gardenia. 75c each FAIRY. Rose-pink shading to mauve tips. 50c each

GOLDEN DROP. Beautiful flower resembling a water lily. Flowers of bronze and gold on long stems. \$1.00 each

LILY BELL. Lovely soft rose-pink with a silvery sheen. Healthy bush growth and fine for cutting. **75c each**

LITTLE DUNCAN. Bright red edged white, cactus. 50c each

LITTLE JEWEL. Delightful apple blossom pink. 75c each

LITTLE JENNIE. Flesh pink tinted rose, cactus. 50c each

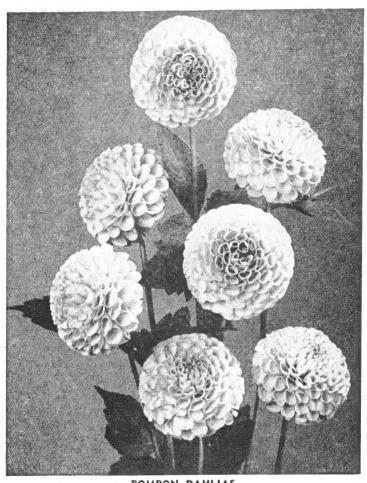
RICHARD TWYFORD. Bright orange, cactus type. 50c each

RITA MARIE. Light tan shading to bronze center. 50c each

WHITE FAWN. Pure white of medium size. 75c each



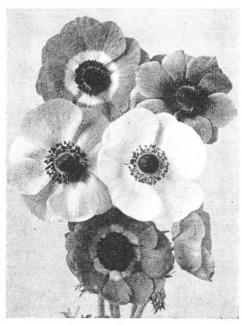
CACTUS TYPE DAHLIA



POMPON DAHLIAS

Pompon Dahlias

AMBER QUEEN. Deep amber, reverse orange. 40c each BANTAM. One of the best bright reds. 40c each BETTY ANN. A true pink Pompon Dahlia. 40c each HONEY. Yellow, lightly tipped red. 40c each JOE FETTE. The best white Pompon. 40c each MARY MUNNS. Deep lavender. Good cut flower. 40c each

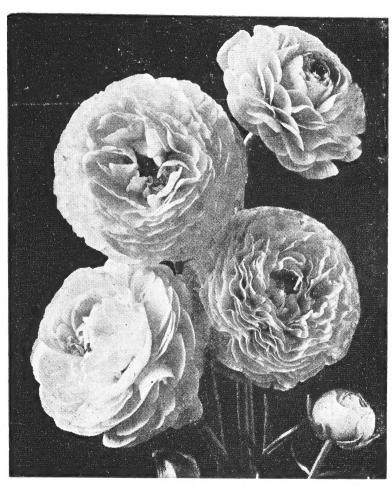


MONARCH DE CAEN

Anemones

Anemones may be planted any time during the year in warm climates; early spring in northern states. Two inches deep.

MONARCH DE CAEN. Magnificent and robust strain of single poppy Anemone. Large Flowers. 12 for 80c; 100 for \$5.50 ST. BRIGID. Finest strain of semi-double Anemones. Brilliant shades, mixed colors only. 12 for 80c; 100 for \$5.50



RANUNCULUS

Ranunculus

Ranunculus are half hardy in northern climates, should be planted as early as possible in the spring. The large double flowers are carried on tall graceful stems, they are unexcelled for cut flowers. Few flowers, so easy to grow, will give such a profusion of bloom for such a small investment, each bulb producing about a dozen flowers over a long period.

Large Bulbs: 12 for 80c; 100 for \$5.50

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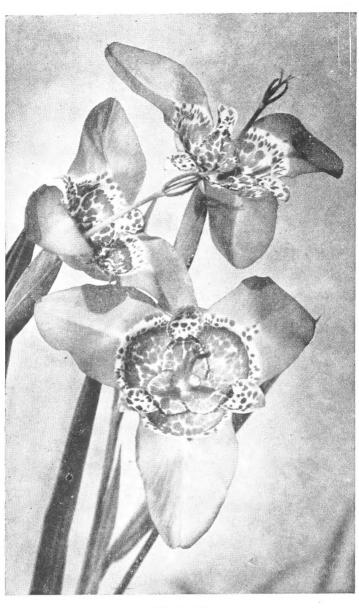
PREPAID. All prices, except quantity quotations on pages 8 and 9, include delivery by prepaid parcel post or express.

GUARANTEE. All bulbs are guaranteed true to name, free from disease or pests, and to arrive in good condition. If you are not completely satisfied with the bulbs upon arrival, please advise us at once and your money will be refunded upon return of the bulbs at our expense.

TERMS OF PAYMENT. Remittances may be made with check or money order. **No C.O.D.**, as they slow us down at a very busy time, increase our operating expenses and cost the customer an additional C.O.D. fee. Our money-back guarantee is your assurance of satisfaction.

QUANTITY. Bulbs that are not priced in quantities of less than one dozen are not sold in lots of less than six. Six bulbs of a variety may be ordered at the dozen rate; 25 or more bulbs of a variety at the 100 rate.

MINIMUM ORDER. We have based our prices in this catalog on the assumption that orders received will be \$2.00 in value or more. If your purchase is for a lesser amount it will be a privilege to serve you, but please add 25c service charge to your remittance.



TIGRIDIAS

Tigridias

Tigridias are one of the most interesting members of the bulb family, producing the most gorgeous and brilliantly colored flowers of many shades. While the individual bloom lasts but one day, the blooms continue to come. A top size bulb will produce from nine to fifteen blooms under favorable conditions.

Tigridias require a cool, moist spot in the garden. They may be grown in almost any section of the United States, in any good garden soil. They require an abundance of moisture but must have good darinage. Plant bulbs four to six inches deep after ground becomes warm in the spring.

When used as cut flowers the stalks should be cut the evening before blooming. If they are allowed to remain in water new blooms will appear at intervals of two or three days.

Our Tigridias are grown from seed, which seldom produces the same flower as the parent; therefore, no assurance can be given as to colors contained in any particular order filled.

Top Size Bulbs: 3 for 40c; 12 for \$1.50; 100 for \$9.00

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Quality Flower Bulbs

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